

Job Description  
*Missouri State Highway Patrol*

Class Title: Computer Information Technologist III

Title Code: V08003

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**Immediate Supervisor:** Programmer/Analyst Manager or Technical Support Manager

**Position Supervised:** None

**FLSA Classification:** Non-exempt

**Working Hours:** An employee in this position works an eight-hour shift as directed by the division director; however, working hours are subject to change at the discretion of the commanding authority.

DEFINITION

This is advanced professional and technical work in computer systems analysis, design, programming and/or the administration of a mainframe, midrange or microcomputer environment.

An employee in this class is responsible for complex analysis, design, programming, administration, and configuration of computer hardware and/or software in a mainframe, midrange and/or microcomputer environment. Work may be in support of areas such as applications, internet, operating systems, database and network administration. Duties may include providing customer support or assistance with more complex work or troubleshooting the more difficult hardware and/or software problems. In a small computer information technology unit, work may involve serving as a supervisor or assisting in the supervision of lower-level Computer Information Technologists. Work is performed independently under general supervision.

(Any one position may not involve all of the specified duties or knowledge, skills, and abilities, nor are the listed examples exhaustive.)

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Designs, writes, maintains, documents, and tests complex computer programs and clearly defined segments of highly complex programs.

Responds to questions from customers needing assistance; identifies problem source (hardware, software or operator error), presents solutions and resolves problems; refers and discusses difficult and unusual problems with supervisor or other designated contacts, as appropriate.

Develops complex query programs to generate reports upon customer request.

Serves as support person/customer contact for complex systems.

Reviews new software applications prior to full implementation to determine ease of use and detect potential problems.

Identifies performance issues and performs tuning of systems for optimum performance.

Uses database dictionaries, software reference libraries, and other related components of programming or analysis.

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Uses data security software packages to configure access to resources and functions as authorized.

Creates and updates standards, policies, procedures, guidelines and technical manuals.

Leads and/or participates in meetings, training seminars and user groups.

Responds to emergency situations to resolve problems, as required.

Installs, maintains, defines, organizes, controls and protects hardware and software products.

Creates, monitors, and modifies the physical size and structure of database components and programs that support, maintain, and generate information from a database.

Uses Computer Aided System Engineering (CASE) development toolset.

Defines, organizes, controls and protects databases or networks.

Configures computer operating systems.

Uses, creates and/or updates utility programs.

Develops Job Control Language (JCL).

Provides guidance and training to less-experienced personnel.

Supervises or assists in the supervision of lower-level Computer Information Technologists, as assigned.

Receives formal and on-the-job training.

Performs other related work as assigned.

### EXAMPLES OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of the principles of computer programming and systems analysis, design, testing and documentation.

Considerable knowledge of the general operating principles and capabilities of computer hardware and software.

Considerable knowledge of software reference libraries and related utility programs.

Considerable knowledge of computer security systems and procedures.

Considerable knowledge of computer networking and telecommunications.

Considerable knowledge of computer operating systems.

Considerable knowledge of database management systems.

Working knowledge of agency's automated information systems.

Some knowledge of agency's functions and their interrelationships.

Ability to prepare and interpret computer program documentation.

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Ability to prepare and maintain standards, policies, procedures, guidelines and technical manuals.

Ability to read English effectively.

Ability to communicate in English clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Ability to handle restricted and confidential information in a professional manner and maintain the information as such.

Ability to analyze policies, procedures and operations, organize their component parts into routine system specifications, databases and/or programs and adapt them to an automated system.

Ability to troubleshoot and resolve routine hardware and/or software problems.

Ability to communicate effectively.

Ability to train and assist less experienced personnel.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

Ability to handle restricted and confidential information in a professional manner and maintain the information as such.

Ability to work with materials that may be of a sexual nature relating to criminal activity (e.g., written material, photographs, and/or verbal language, etc.).

#### EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING QUALIFICATIONS

(The following entrance requirements are used to admit or reject applicants for merit system examinations, or may be used to evaluate applicants for employment in positions not requiring selection from merit system registers. When applicable, equivalent substitution will be allowed for deficiencies in experience or education.)

Two years of professional and technical computer information technology systems experience (comparable to Computer Information Technologist I) such as computer programming, computer systems analysis and design, or work with primary responsibility for the configuration of mainframe, midrange and/or microcomputer hardware and software, network administration or closely related areas;

AND

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with at least fifteen (15) semester hours in computer science, computer information systems or closely related areas. (Computer information technology systems experience such as computer programming, systems analysis and design, or work with primary responsibility for the configuration of computer hardware and software in a mainframe, midrange and/or microcomputer environment may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for deficiencies in the stated education. Graduate work in computer science, computer information systems or closely related areas may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for a maximum of one year of the stated experience.)

OR

One year as a Computer Information Technologist II or two years as a Computer Information Technologist I under the Missouri Uniform Classification and Pay System.